GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CULTURAL LIBERALISATION PACKAGE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have formulated a `cultural liberalization` package to earn revenue;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to place heritage sites in private hands;

(d) if so, whether any criteria has been fixed in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR)

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. The Government established the National Culture Fund(NCF) in November,1996 to enable institutions and individuals to cooperate in promoting and preserving India`s cultural heritage.

(c),(d)&(e) No, Sir. The National Culture Fund enables private individuals/agencies to fund projects for the conservation of monuments, which are executed by the Archaeological Survey of India alone. However, creation of tourist related facilities and improvement of the environment around centrally protected monuments can be promoted directly by these agencies under strict terms and conditions laid down by the Archaeological Survey of India and subject to its overall control and supervision.